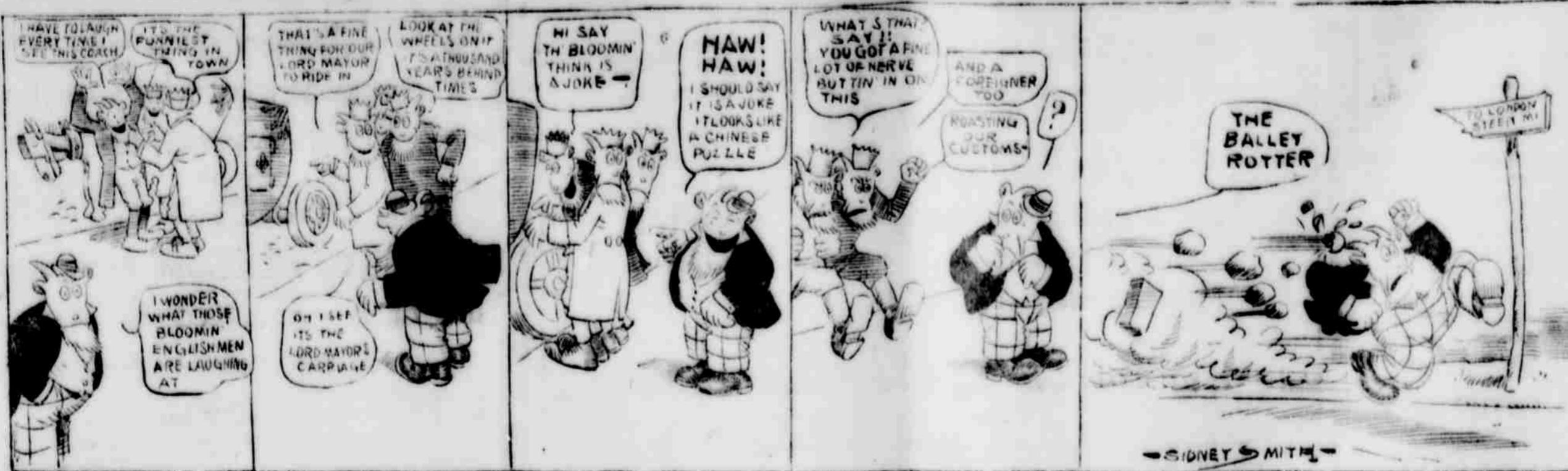


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Special Correspondence.

Las Cruces, N. M., May 6.—Fourteen years ago Oscar C. Snow, just graduated from the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanics, bought a few acres of land near the Rio Grande river, one mile west of Old Mesilla. The tract contained about 100 acres that were planted to alfalfa and a few acres of raw land. Mr. Snow immediately began to put each year's profits into more land. This new land was cleared, cultivated and planted to alfalfa as rapidly as possible until today the ranch is the largest in the Mesilla valley and contains 1,160 acres all made and paid for by the owner growing the one crop, alfalfa.

This spring 160 acres of bosque land were cleared and plowed. The land was heavily covered with cottonwood trees, which produced over 1,000 cords of wood, more than enough to pay for the clearing. The land is low, so the muddy water of the river was turned onto it and by next spring it will be high enough to cultivate. The sediment also makes fine soil as it binds the sandy loam and helps retain the moisture.

Part of each year's crop is stored in barns used exclusively for that purpose. There are two barns with a combined capacity of 2800 tons. In the early spring when other farmers have sold their alfalfa, Mr. Snow has a few hundred tons on hand that bring from \$3 to \$8 more on the ton. In this way he realizes the very highest price.

The season was a few days early this year and cutting started on the Snow ranch on April 27. On May 2 the hay balers were started and shipping began. The first 300 tons have been sold at \$12 per ton on board car at Mesilla Park. The old stand of alfalfa yields about five tons to the acre per season or 3800 tons on the entire ranch. At \$12 per ton, and this price is lower than Mr. Snow usually charges, the gross income would be \$69,600 or \$60 per acre. Deducting the running expenses, taxes, etc., there remains an income large enough to buy a small farm every year.

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VARSITY CALENDAR NEXT WEEK

Activities of Unusual Interest Scheduled for the Next Few Days; Prize Contest Winners; Tennis Tourney.

The Varsity calendar for next week offers some interesting and lively activities. The joyousness of the springtime is in the air and the students are every day busily planning something new.

On Monday morning during the assembly hour the Rev. W. E. Warren will address the student body on the subject, "The First Three Centuries of Christianity." This lecture is one of a series of addresses that have been delivered at the University this year on historical subjects.

At the Monday morning assembly, also, will be announced the names of the winners of the prize essay contests recently held, for which several manuscripts were submitted. The winners are to receive cash prizes as well as beautiful books bound in England and embossed with the University coat of arms.

Another happening of interest will be the handkerchief sale to be held at the Stern-Schloss building on Central avenue next Saturday. This will be conducted by the girl students for the benefit of the baseball team. It has been the policy of the athletic association this year to refrain from asking financial aid from the business men of the town by solicitation, and the students are taking this method of raising the necessary money to continue the season. It is to be hoped that the citizens of the town will give them their support at this sale.

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